

Unified Amendment and COVID-19 Response

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The Case for State Support

- Under pandemic, Virginia's public institutions remain committed to:
 - Ensuring our students are on track to their degrees and credentials
 - Keeping our employees on the payroll
 - Bolstering our local communities as they navigate pandemic
 - Leading the Commonwealth's economic recovery
- **All** institutions impacted by extensive COVID-related expenses and foregone revenues
- All have undertaken consequential cost saving measures and yet significant uncertainty remains
- Despite meaningful one-time federal assistance and state relief, sustained support will be needed due to on-going impacts

The Case for Unified Support

Sustained Support

1. Convert flexible one-time GF support of \$60M in FY21 to base funding in FY22 for all institutions; no action will result in “budget cut” for FY22 (Additional \$13.5M in FY22 for adding GMU and ODU to the initiative)
2. Provide \$65M in additional GF support to all institutions in FY22 to address unavoidable cost increases and affordable access

One-time COVID Support : Allocates \$34.5M GF in one-time support for testing

- Would allow all institutions to test 5% of students weekly as part of prevalence testing efforts

Additional Operational Relief

- Modify intercollegiate athletic reporting to exclude FY20, FY21, and FY22
- Streamlining of SBSB pathways to improve SWAM participation in procurement processes
- Extend VPPA option that allows state agencies to publish RFP notices in newspapers to Tier 2 and Tier 3 institutions; current MOUs require publication

Funding Request

	First Year – 2021	Second Year - 2022
Maintain Affordable Access	-	\$73.5M
COVID-19 Testing Support	\$34.5M	-
Ongoing Funding for Unavoidable Costs Increases	-	\$65.3M
Total	\$34.5M	\$138.8M

COVID-19 Responses and Support of Local COVID-19 Efforts

Responses to COVID-19 from Virginia's Public Colleges and Universities

- Contributed faculty research and expertise across a broad range of pandemic topics
- Supported Local Health District
- Revolutionized teaching and learning
- Mobilized manufacturing and engineering capacity to solve complex pandemic challenges
- Re-tasked the IHE workforce to support COVID-19 campus responses

Responses to COVID-19 from Virginia's Public Colleges and Universities (continued)

- Established unprecedented levels of collaboration and transparency
- Transformed the nature of work
- Stood up enhanced health care capabilities
- Rewrote student handbooks
- Rebuilt campuses
- Forged new partnerships

Public Higher Ed Assistance in Vaccination Efforts

- Offered space for vaccinations
- Offered vaccinators from their health professions/health services students and faculty
- Offered to be direct vaccine providers
- Provided ultra-low temperature freezers, education about the virus and vaccine, medical support, support for testing/vaccination events, and set up call centers for local health districts.